

# **Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund**

## **Board Meeting**

**November 2, 2016**

Delaware Standardbred Breeders' Fund Board  
Department of Agriculture – Conference Room 1  
Dover, Delaware

### **In Attendance:**

Tom Cook	Andrew Kerber, DAG
Garrett Bell	Mark Davis
John Hensley	Matt Sparacino
Sen. Bruce Ennis	Wayne Givens
Garnet O'Marrow	Linda MacDonald
Andrew Markano	

Also attended: Sal DiMario

*Dan Keeler was unable to attend.*

*Judy Davis-Wilson attended via phone conference.*

*Minutes: Donna Krol*

### **CALL TO ORDER**

At 1:04 P.M., Tom Cook called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Tom Cook asked all in attendance to review the minutes from the August 23, 2016 meeting. No corrections were noted. Motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Matt Sparacino and seconded by Garnet O'Marrow. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Review of current financial status – document review:

Review of Financial Report as of November 2, 2016, DSBF Year by Year Stats, 2017 Payment Schedule and list of DE Yearlings selling at Harrisburg.

Judy Davis-Wilson noted that the DSBF Endowment will be at 2.8 million by the end of 2017. The DSBF is currently spending 600,000 to 1 million per year above the yearly 3 million allotment on January 1st. By 2020 the only money will be the \$3M yearly allotment for purses.

There were no questions or comments heard from the Board.

- Adoption of Regulation 4.0 and 9.0, amendment on 4 Year Old Bonus:

Notice of Regulation changes was provided. This was published in the Register of Regulations on 10-1-16. There were no comments received. Tom Cook asked the Board if there was any feedback, discussion was heard:

- John Hensley noted that this does not take effect until 2022; will there still be a DSBF? 5 year pitch is not aggressive enough.
- Garnett O'Marrow stated that if we cut off the 4 year old bonus now, it would not be favorable to those who have bred mares for the DSBF.
- Andrew Kerber suggested that if the Board wanted to stop the 4 Year Old Bonus now, it would be legal.
- The original decision was based on fairness, if Board wants to stop the 4 Year Old bonus now we will have to re-post adoption.

After discussion Andrew Markano made a motion to adopt the regulation changes to 4.0 & 9.0 as published. Second was heard by Wayne Givens. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

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#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Andrew Markano would like to put supplemental payment for 2 and 3 year olds on next meeting agenda.
- Clarification of DSOA bonus. Discussion was heard on how Dover Downs had previously written races for DE Owned or Bred specifically. Bonuses were built into the purses. Now they are writing them as open classes. DE owned or bred horses in these specific races will receive a bonus. This helps the race office fill races in light of the horse shortage. This is the first year Dover Downs is doing this, Harrington has not started yet.

Tom Cook would like clarification on how the bonus program works; he has tasked Linda MacDonald and Judy Davis-Wilson with this.

*Action Item: Linda MacDonald and Judy Davis-Wilson will clarify the Bonus Program and put in to the minutes.*

- DSBF Qualifying Rule for 30 to 60 days

Andrew Markano would like to adopt a rule consistent with the DHRC rule. After discussion, it was decided to vote on this today. Andrew Kerber will write the rule adoption; Judy Davis-Wilson will review it. It will be published in the Register of Regulations in the future as the Administrative Procedures are 90 days to complete.

Tom Cook made a motion. Motion was carried by Mark Davis and seconded by John Hensley. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Tom Cook took a moment to thank everyone for their contribution, hard work and service to the DSBF Board. Tom Cook wished everyone the best of luck in the future.

#### **CLOSE OF MEETING**

- With no further business to discuss Tom Cook called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Andrew Markano and seconded by Matt Sparacino. Motion was passed with unanimous voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 pm.